

Personal Reading Assessment

Directions: Complete the following assessment of your habits and interests (or lack thereof) as a reader.

(1) List the last three things you read (books, stories, articles, etc.) and briefly (2-3 sentences maximum) summarize them.

1.

2.

3.

(2) Circle the statement that best describes your reading habits when you were younger (before teenage years):

(a) I did not read at all.

(b) I read only what I was assigned in school.

(c) I read what I was assigned in school and a little bit on my own.

(d) I read quite a bit on my own (at least one book of my choice or more per month, depending on length)

(e) I read a lot. It was one of my favorite activities by my own choice.

(3) Circle the statement that best describes your reading habits now (over the last year):

(a) I did not read at all.

(b) I read only what I was assigned in school.

(c) I read what I was assigned in school and a little bit on my own.

(d) I read quite a bit on my own (at least one book of my choice or more per month, depending on length)

(e) I read a lot. It is one of my favorite activities by my own choice.

(4) If there was a change in your answer from #2 to #3, why do you think this happened? If there was no change, why?

(5) Is reading valued in our society? Why/why not?

(6) What is the purpose of reading in our society?

(7) Do people read more or less now than in past decades? Why? Is this positive or negative for our society?